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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"The Register was countersigned and the grant was paid."

Area in acres under groundnut.

* 351 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the total number of acres under groundnut crops during the fasli years 1362 and 1363 in the residuary Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"The estimated area in acres under groundnut is—

	ACS.
Fasli 1362 (1952–53)	1,851,500
Fasli 1363 (1953–54)	1,957,000

The figures of actual area are not available."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—"வட ஆற்காடு தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாக்களில் 1952–53-ல் மணிலா விதை இல்லாத காரணத்தினுல் மணிலா சாகுபடி மிகக் குறைவாக இருந்தது. இப்படி போதிய விதை கிடைக்காத காலங்களில் அரசாங்கம் விதை கொடுக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"That was so due to the drought conditions prevailing in those two districts. I can assure the hon. Member that the Agriculture Department will give every facility that can be given."

Subsidy for libraries in South Arcot district.

* 352 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount spent in South Arcot district as subsidy for libraries during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"Rupees three thousand and sixty-five."

Deaths due to alcohol.

* 353 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases brought to the mortuary of the Government General Hospital, Madras, in years 1952 and 1953 for post-mortem examination; and

(*b*) how many of the deaths were due to the drinking of illicit arrack?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) 604 in 1952 and 563 in 1953 (up to 20th November 1953).

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"(b) The number of cases in which death was due to alcohol and the number of cases in which death was due to other causes where alcohol was detected were 13 and 8, respectively, in 1952 and 21 and 7, respectively in 1952 (up to 20th November 1953). It is not possible to say in what form alcohol had been imbibed."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI:—"Out of the number of deaths due to the drinking of illicit arrack, may I know how many were due to heart failure?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"I have no information."

Appointment of Deputy Collectors as Land Acquisition Officers.

* 354 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Special Deputy Collectors with the special duties allotted to them particularly the number of such Deputy Collectors deputed for land acquisition work in the district of Malabar;

(b) the number of (1) Tahsildars and (2) Deputy Tahsildars deputed for the land acquisition work in the district of Malabar; and

(c) whether the functions of those Deputy Collectors and Tahsildars are identical?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(a) 11 and 4, respectively.

"(b) (1) 4 Special Tahsildars and (2) 8 Special Deputy Tahsildars.

"(c) The functions of the Special Deputy Collectors and Special Tahsildars appointed as Land Acquisition Officers under the Land Acquisition Act are identical."

Reorganization of district boards.

* 355 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the Report of the Advisory Committee for reorganization of district boards;

(b) if so, what are the results of the consideration; and if not, when it is likely to be concluded; and

(c) whether a copy of the Report of the Advisory Committee for reorganization of the district boards will be placed on the table of the House as mentioned in the Hon. Local Administration Minister's reply to starred question No. 95 at page 649 of the Official Report of the Madras Legislative Assembly Debates, dated 20th March 1953?